REMEMBERING

Edward E. Ricketts

September, 1928 to October 18, 2026

Predeceased by wife Myrna (2017), his parents Fred and Ethel Ricketts, all his siblings and brother-in-law Norman Amos. Survived by Kristin (Bryan) Hunter, Darlene (Stuart) Morgan, Patti-Lynn (Harvey) Strome, Steve Amos, Sheryl (Marty) O'Neil, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren – another on the way!

Born in Sidney, B.C. in the neighbour's house, Dad was the youngest of 8. From Sidney, the Ricketts family moved to Esquimalt, first to a rented home, then finally their own home on Lampson St. Ed had a stint in Calgary before returning home to Victoria where he worked with his brother-in-law at The Bay in shipping. One mention of the new gal working in Women's Sportswear, and he was off to spend his break waiting to ask her out. But she already had a date and did not want to disappoint him so she hid out until the next day when he returned and so it started – the relationship that would last for 61+ years! Our mom Myrna and Dad had a love affair like no other, setting the bar high for us all. Mom would always say they never went to bed angry at each other, if they could not agree on something, they would agree to disagree!

Life was not always easy financially, lots of meals from the ocean, soups, a huge garden but there was always lots of love and we never went hungry. Early days of their marriage, Dad worked for another brother-in-law at Falt Towing, and purchased a home nearby on Pritchard Rd, Cowichan Bay. Dad had lofty goals and sought to work for the B.C. Highways department. Through a lead from a neighbour's son, he did not have to wait long to get a position as Backhoe Operator in Lake Cowichan, meaning we had to move there. No worries, Mom and Dad rented out the Cowichan Bay home and moved to a rented home in Lake Cowichan. After almost 3 years there, the opening he was waiting for came up in the Cobble Hill yard and we moved back to Cowichan Bay for the rest of his working career! Later, as B.C. Highway's was privatizing, Dad retired early at 59 early in 1988 and Mom and Dad built their retirement home on Gillis Lane, just a stone's throw from our family home. Dad then moved to Wedgewood Place in 2011 and was a resident of Cairnsmore Place when he left us.

Have truck and camper – will travel! Lots of trips in B.C., across Canada, twice to

Alaska, and down through the States. Hunting trips with his brother Char and sister-in-law Barb and Mom, daughter Kris and Bryan at Tom’s Lake, fishing trips to Muchalet, Poet’s Nook, Musgrave Landing and one really big fishing trip that won Mom and Dad a trip to Europe! Reno, Hawaii, they got to do it all! Dad even enjoyed a cruise to Alaska with a roomy. Great trips with his girls to Mexico, up Vancouver Island, and Silver Reef Casino with the Valley Seniors.

No matter where you saw him – speeding down the sidewalks of Duncan on his blue electric scooter or playing crib, he was always happy! He loved going to the Doghouse restaurant and the staff there treated him like royalty. The day before his passing, he skunked his son-in-law Stuart and beat daughter Darlene at cribbage – claiming once and for all, he was the ultimate crib champion!

A celebration of life will be held Summer, 2027 where everyone can share their stories of Dad!